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SUMMARY: MAJORITY AUSTRALIAN DAILY PRESS THIS DATE CARRIED SYNDICATED REPORTS DESCRIBING THE ARRIVAL IN HELSINKI OF THE HEADS OF 35 NATIONS. ONLY ONE, THE SYDNEY MORNING HERALD, CARRIED EDIT ON SUBJECT.

TEXT EDIT SYDNEY MORNING HERALD: "PRESIDENT FORD'S ATTENDANCE AT HELSINKI TODAY HAS EARNED HIM HIS WORST DRUBBING IN AMERICA SINCE HE PARDONED RICHARD M. NIXON. HE IS THERE TO SIGN "THE PACT" (IT IS BINDING ON NOBODY) WHICH EMERGED FROM THE CONFERENCE OF SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE, A SOVIET INITIATIVE WHICH HAS DONE NOTHING FOR SECURITY AND PRECIOUS LITTLE FOR COOPERATION. WHAT IS HAS ACHIEVED FOR RUSSIA, IS THE MORAL APPROVAL OF 34 HEADS OF STATE OF GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING PRESIDENT FORD, OF RUSSIA'S REVISION OF EASTERN AND CENTRAL EUROPEAN BOUNDARIES BY FORCE AT THE END OF WORLD WAR II.

AMERICAN PERTURBATION, INVOKING COMARISONS WITH MUNICH, MAY SEEM TO BE STRIDENT. AFTER ALL, MR. FORD IS SIGNING AWAY NO TERRITORY WHICH HAS NOT LONG BEEN IN SOVIET OR COMMUNIST HANDS. INDEED, THE DOCUMENT IS AT LEAST THEORETICALLY AN
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IMPROVEMENT ON MR. BRANDT'S RUSSO-GERMAN PACT, FOR IT

QUALIFIES ITS ENDORSEMENT OF THE INVIOBILITY OF POST WAR FRONTIERS WHICH AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT THAT THESE CAN BE CHANGED BY AGREEMENT AND BY PEACEFUL MEANS. NEVER-THELESS, IT DOES, VIRTUALLY GRATUITOUSLY, ACCEPT MORALLY THE ADMISSIBILITY OF THE ACQUISITION OF TERRITORY (AND PEOPLES) BY FORCE. WHY? NOBODY SERIOUSLY CONTENTS THAT RUSSIA CAN BE MADE TO DISGORGE ITS GAINS. BUT WHY APPROVE THEM?

THE HOPE WAS FOR CONCESSIONS TO WESTERN INTERESTS AND WESTERN LIBERAL IDEAS FROM RUSSIA. THEY HAVE NOT BEEN GIVEN. THE FORCES REDUCTION TALKS HAVE GOT NOWHERE, AND THE LIBERALISATION "CONCESSIONS" AMOUNT ONLY TO PROMISES (NOT UNDERTAKINGS) TO CONSIDER FAVOURABLY THE REUNION OF FAMILIES, EAST-WEST MARRIAGES, AND THE EASINGS OF TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS. THEIR WORTH IS BEST JUDGED BY THE TIGHTENING OF CONTROLS WHICH HAS BEEN GOING ON IN RUSSIA AND EASTERN EUROPE WHILE "THE PACT" WAS BEING NEGOTIATED - A PERIOD WHICH HAS ALSO BEEN THE STRENGTHENING OF SOVIET INFLUENCE OVER ITS WARSAW PACT "PARTNERS".

SO WHY THE BIG MORAL CONCESSION TO MOSCOW? ITS DEFENDERS RELY, OF COURSE, ON DETENTE - THE FOSTERING OF ACLIMATE OF MUTUAL TOLERANCE IN WHICH WIDER, BINDING AGREEMENTS CAN BE PURSUED. WHAT PERTURBS MR. FORD'S AMERICAN CRITICS IS THAT THIS PROCESS SO FAR HAD BOUGHT ONLY ADVANTAGES TO RUSSIA. MORAL, AS AT HELSINKI TODAY, MATERIAL, AS IN TRADE AND AID AGREEMENTS, STRATEGIC, AS IN THE DECISION TO CONCEDE RUSSIAN - AMERICAN NUCLEAR PARITY, WITHOUT REDUCING THE ARMS RACE, AS AT SALT.

IT IS NO ANSWER TO WARN PORTENTOUSLY AGAINST THERMONUCLEAR WAR, AS DR. KISSINGER HAS DONE. THE ALTERNATIVE TO CONCEDING ADVANTAGES TO MOSCOW IS NOT THERMONUCLEAR WAR; IT IS NOT EVEN COLD WAR. TO ACCEPT THAT IT IS - THAT PEACE AND HARMONY DEPEND ON WHAT THE CHINESE CALL "UNEQUAL TREATIES" AND THAT RUSSIA WILL BE LESS BEASTLY TO US (AND PERHAPS TO ITS SUBJECTS) ONLY IF WE HELP IT TO GROW STRONGER - IS INDEED APPEASMENT, MUNICH STYLE."

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